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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: 1996/97 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 4 - STATE HIGHWAY ELEMENT

We have completed our review of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment Number 4 - State Highway Element, that was submitted with your letter dated June 26, 1997. This amendment adds programming for a safety improvement project in Mendocino County on Route 101 near Redwood Valley as described in your letter.

This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA approval and inclusion of the subject amendment into California's 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP. *We find that this amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53).*

The project programmed by this amendment is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134]. This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Sincerely,

For
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator